Bending thee 'mang the dewy weet,
Wi' speckled breast,
When upward springing blithe to greet
The purplin east.

"Cauld blew the bitter biting north
Upon thy early, humble birth;
Yet cheerfully thou glinted forth
Amid the storm,
Scarce reared above the parent earth
Thy tender form.

"The flaunting flowers our gardens yield,
High sheltering woods and wa's maun shield!
But thou, beneath the random bield
O' clod or stane,
Adorn'st the histie stibble field,
Unseen, alane.

"There in thy scanty mantle clad,
Thy snowy bosom sunward spread,
Thou lift'st thy unassuming head,
In humble guise;
But now the share uptears thy bed,
And low thou lies.

"Such is the fate of artless maid,
Sweet flow'ret of the rural shade,
By love's simplicity betrayed,
And guileless trust,
Till she, like thee, all soiled, is laid
Low i' the dust.

"Such is the fate of simple bard,
On life's rough ocean luckless starr'd!
Unskilful he to note the card

Of prudent lore,
Till billows rage, and gales blow hard,
And whelm him o'er.

"Such fate to suffering worth is given,
Who long with wants and woes has striven,
By human pride and cunning driven
To misery's brink,
Till wrench'd of every stay but heaven,
He ruined sink.

"Even thou who mourn'st the Daisy's fate,
That fate is thine—no distant date,
Stern ruin's ploughshare drives elate,
Full on thy bloom,
Till crushed, beneath the furrow's weight
Shall be thy doom."

THE BITTER CRESS.

A variety of cresses are now in bloom, which we shall hereafter enumerate; but at present we shall only allude to the different species of Bitter Cress and Swine's Cress.—The Bitter Crsss belongs to the Linnean class *tetradynamia*, which is distinguished from the class hexandria by having *four* long and *two* short stamens, instead of six of equal length; and to the order *siliquosa*—that is, bearing a long pod or seed vessel: it is arranged in the natural system of Jussieu, among the *Cruciferæ*, or cross formed flowers—having four petals to the blossom. The Hairy Bitter Cress (*Cardamine hirsuta*) bears a number of dimi-